

ATTACK MEMBERSHIP OF EASTLAND INQUIRY

Labor Leaders Declare Seamen's Union and Passengers Ignored by Mr. Redfield.

CHICAGO, July 28.—Statements issued tonight by John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, attacked the plan announced by Secretary of Commerce Redfield for investigation of the Eastland disaster by the steamboat inspection service.

The statements said that a protest had been telegraphed to President Wilson, "entering our most emphatic protest against members of the inspection board and Mr. Thompson of the Department of Commerce having any hand, act or part in the investigation."

Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement adds: "Now we find Mr. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, instituting an investigation with such a board of inspectors, and then, to insure an impartial investigation, instituting a citizens' auxiliary, and as a member of this auxiliary, a representative of the Western Electric Company, whose employees were on the Eastland when it sank."

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Mr. Walker's Statement.

Mr. Walker's statement said: "The civilian board appointed by Secretary Redfield to supervise the investigation of the Eastland's sinking is a travesty on representative government. The largest corporation and financial interests in Chicago are represented. The two most important interests of all are neglected by Mr. Redfield. These are the steamboat workers, whose organization, the Lake Seamen's Union, should have representation, and the traveling public—the common people—those money paid for the tickets go to the payment of the crew, and the interests represented on Mr. Redfield's supervising board."

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NO. 396, 'A POOR KIDDE,' UNCLAIMED IN MORGUE

Heaps of Flowers With Sympathetic Inscriptions Surround Eight-Year Boy Eastland Victim.

CHICAGO, July 28.—In the morgue of the Eastland dead there still lies the body of "No. 396," an eight-year-old boy, who was identified by a tag for a hole in the knee of his trousers. There is no distinguishing mark about his apparel and none of the thousands of searchers for the missing could place him, so the public has claimed him for its own.

A mound of flowers is rising about the little body and to each wreath is pinned a kindly message. "For 396, a poor kid," reads one. "For the little boy from Mrs. O. J. L., says another. "For No. 396—the poor little kiddie" is a third. Another voice is a spirit of resentment against those responsible for the disaster.

Volunteer to Bury Body.

If nobody misses a little boy with a hole in the knee of his trousers, No. 396 is sure to have his trip to the burial ground attended by mourners. More than a dozen have volunteered to bury the lad, and the Boy Scouts have offered to give him a military funeral. Coroner Hoffman says the body will be preserved as long as possible—possibly another identification.

It is believed that No. 396 did not belong to the families of any of West-ern Electric Company employees, whose picnic was terminated Saturday by the capsizing of the Eastland. Among the thousands who have viewed the little boy, two or three are believed to recognize it, but later inquiries revealed that the identifications were erroneous.

SEEKS U. S. PROTECTION AGAINST CHICAGO POLICE

W. H. Hull, Officer of Eastland Company, Fears Arrest While Witness Before Federal Grand Jury.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., July 28.—William H. Hull, vice president and general manager of the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship Company, owners of the Eastland, has left for Chicago in response to a subpoena ordering him to appear before the federal grand jury summoned for the investigation of the Eastland disaster. Attorneys for the line asked the United States marshal to guarantee protection to Mr. Hull while he is in Chicago. They also asked that he be conducted safely outside of Illinois after he has given his testimony. In order to forestall any effort by the Chicago police to arrest Hull, Attorney Hoyne to place him under arrest.

For two days Mr. Hull has been under the care of a Chicago specialist. Just before his departure Mr. Hull declared:

"Our company obeyed the federal inspection regulations in every regard, and while the horror of the disaster has stunned us all, yet I do not see how any one can with justice place the responsibility for the accident on officials of the company."

MAY SHIFT EASTLAND BLAME.

Bar in Chicago River Sought by Commerce Experts.

CHICAGO, July 28.—Secretary Redfield instructed William V. Judson, head of the federal Engineering Corps in Chicago, to prepare a chart giving all soundings of the river in the vicinity of the capsized Eastland. In preparation for the federal inquiry, two Chicago inspectors made soundings of the Chicago river around the Eastland, which still is lying on its side, half submerged. It was found that the maximum depth at the dock was twenty feet and the minimum fourteen feet two inches. It had been asserted by witnesses at the coroner's inquest that the possible cause of the ship's listing was a mud bar, on which its keel was pressed by the 2,600 persons on board.

Experts said that the Eastland should have floated freely in fourteen feet of water, but that if it were shown that a bar caused the steamer to upset, the War Department would be at fault, as that department has charge of harbors.

Chile's customs receipts for last March Scotland is taking to the use of mechanical potato planters.

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place automatically, as in other accidents of less moment."

Robert H. McCreary, deputy collector of customs of the port of Chicago, told of placing inspectors on the Eastland to count the passengers and of making arrangements for one of the inspectors to sleep on board Friday night, so that no passengers could be taken aboard without being counted.

"I went to the boat about 7 o'clock Saturday morning," said Mr. McCreary. "I saw inspectors Oakley and Lobdell in charge of the gangway. I watched them until the count of passengers reached 2,450, then I took Oakley's place. I counted off forty-five and told Inspector Lobdell to let on five more. Four women and a babe in arms came aboard, and I counted the babe the two thousand five hundredth person to come aboard the Eastland."

William A. Collins and Frank W. Van Patten, steamboat inspectors from the Milwaukee district, under whose authority the investigation is nominally made, sat with Gen. George Uhler, supervising inspector general of the federal steamboat inspection service, at the hearing.

Positive Only 2,500 Aboard.

"You are personally sure that there were only 2,500 persons on board the Eastland?" asked Secretary Redfield.

"I am positive," replied the witness. Mr. McCreary denied that there was any panic among the passengers or that they rushed to the dock side rail when the boat listed.

Inspector General Uhler testified that no case of overcrowding or violation of the passenger limit had been proved in the last twenty years.

Speaking of the navigation department, Gen. Uhler said:

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Text of Verdict.

After starting with the recommendation that the man named "he" be held to the grand jury on the charge of manslaughter and for such other offenses as the facts may warrant" the verdict continues:

"Nothing in the testimony offered before this jury indicated that the passengers were guilty of any unusual act that contributed to the disaster, and we are of the opinion that no act of the passengers was responsible for the disaster."

"In the absence of evidence of undue acts on the part of the passengers or violent physical causes, such as explosions, fire or collisions, the fact that this vessel overturned is proof either that it was improperly constructed for the service employed, or that it was improperly loaded, operated, maintained, or that all of these causes operated to bring about the serious result."

"It is our judgment that the steamship Eastland was both improperly constructed for the service employed and improperly loaded, operated and maintained, and that the parties named are responsible."

"We recommend to the state's attorney and the grand jury that an investigation be made of the corporation or individuals responsible for the management of this boat with a view to discovering if other members of the corporation or other individuals were responsible for acts contributing to the disaster."

"We further recommend that the state's attorney and the grand jury inquire into the matter."

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